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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: May 3, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VII: Consideration of resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Second Supervisorial District Excess Funding for Ballona Creek.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Second Supervisorial District Excess Funding for Ballona Creek.

Background: On March 6, 2006, Supervisor Burke announced a \$1.5 million competitive trails grant program for projects in the Second Supervisorial District. Eligible projects include acquisition, development and/or improvement of real property for trails and public access. Priority will be given to projects along Ballona Creek or within the Baldwin Hills, to projects that link to regional facilities and/or trails, and to projects with the highest percentage of matching funds. Applications are due June 1, 2006.

MRCA staff intend to submit an application for a project along Ballona Creek that would build upon the improvements completed at the Centinela Avenue entrance to the Ballona Creek Bike Trail in 2005. The Proposition A funds would be used for design and construction of the project and project management. The work funded by this grant will include demolition and site preparation, site development, utilities, landscaping and irrigation, and installation of park amenities.